

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-6, 8-10, 14 and 16-21 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 2-4, 7, 11-13 and 15 have been canceled.

Applicant notes that claim 4 has been canceled. All of the remaining claims 1, 5-6, 8-10, 14 and 16-21 are allowed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims pending are in condition for immediate allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1, 5-6, 8-10, 14 and 16-21, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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